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EDITORIAL

There will be no SCAN issue in July this year, breaking the long-standing tradition of our July holiday break. We hope you won't miss us too much but you will have something to look forward to as there will be a SCAN edition in August instead.

This month we have articles by two local residents, Steve Coronella and Shirley Garland. Their contributions are very interesting and absorbing. We also welcome most of our regular contributors. Unfortunately, we have been unable to feature our usual Citizens Advice article for the past two months for reasons outside our control. We hope we will be able to feature it again in the not-too-distant future. Also, as a once-off, we have two articles as gaeilge this month. Good news if you are interested in reading more stories in the Irish language. Woodbrook College also tell us about their 2025 Seachtain na Gaeilge activities and events, in both Irish and English.

We wish you happy reading this month. Have a great June and July. Let's hope the weather is as kind to us as it mostly has been during the spring months. Don't forget to watch out for the next SCAN issue which will be distributed around Shankill in late July or at the beginning of August.

LISTENING EAR - SUPPORT NETWORK FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED PEOPLE

The Network is open to persons of any faith and none. Meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 7.30 - 9p.m. in the Resource Centre.

You are welcome to contact **087 3646067** or email ***listeningear14@gmail.com*** and a supportive compassionate person in the network will respond and together you can discuss how we can be of help to you.

Complete confidentiality is guaranteed and everyone will be warm and friendly.

AA MEETINGS SHANKILL

Alcoholics Anonymous hosts meetings in Crinken Church Parish Hall every Monday at 8.30 p.m. and in St. Anne's Community Centre (beside St. Anne's Church) every Sunday at 8.30 pm. Doors open around 8.15 pm.

A welcome awaits you.

SHANKILL CLASSICAL MUSIC CLUB

The next meetings of the club will be held on Wednesday 10th June at Shankill Day Care Centre, Lower Road, Shankill at at 7.45p.m. Visitors and new members are always welcome. For further information either ring or text John O' Hagan at 087 2109175.

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

St. Anne's Resource Centre Shankill

If you are grieving the loss of someone special or have had a loss of any kind and would like to talk to someone, Bethany Bereavement offer free support to adults, with sympathy and compassion in confidence.

We have a drop-in service on the first Friday of each month at 10.30 am or if you prefer, we can meet with you in person. Just call the **01 282 2704** to arrange.

SHANKILL DAY CARE CENTRE BOOK SALE

The next book sale will be held on Saturday June 7th and the following one on Saturday July 5th. Venue Shankill Day Care Centre, Lower Road, Shankill.

Donations of books in good condition are welcome on the day (limited to two bags per person). All proceeds go to support the Centre's programmes and services.

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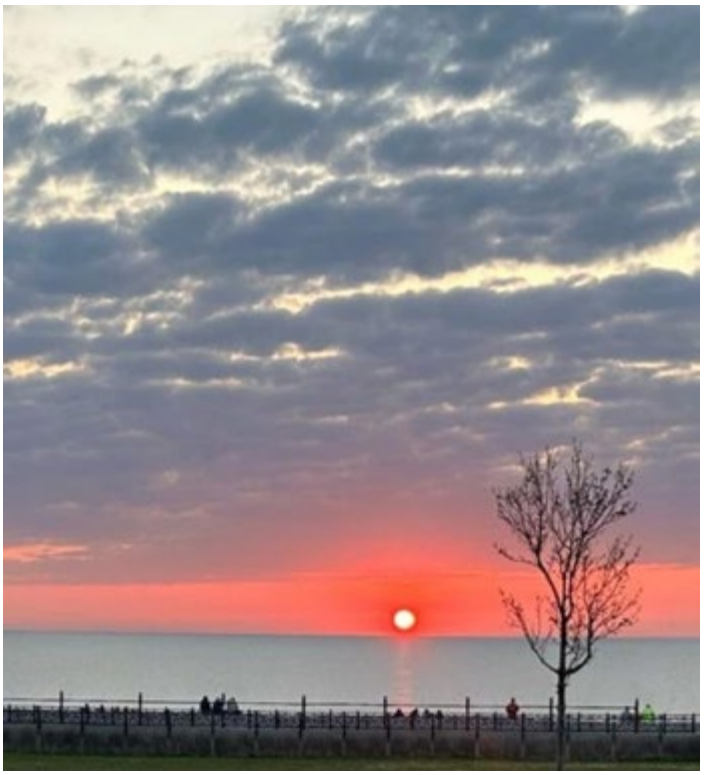
SHANKILL HEALTH CENTRE TALKS

Venue: Shankill Health Centre, Lower Road, Shankill, D18 DW08
Time: 1:00pm - 2:00pm

3rd June	Support for Carers
1st July	Pre Planning - Decision Making when we get older

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

Eliot Smith took the photo of the sunrise in Bray during the annual "Darkness into Light" event in May. He told us, *"My mum in her 80's and myself managed through generous donations to raise about €800 and many thanks to all who contributed to such an important cause."*



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CLG na Seanchille

Festival of Hurling/Camogie
Our annual Festival of Hurling/Camogie for boys and girls aged 8 to 12 years was a great success again this year. With approx. 90 boys and girls taking part they were divided in 8 teams. We started off the week with a parade of the teams led by a piper. What a week we had, we were blessed with blue skies every evening during the tournament. The new Hurling wall must be having some effect as the skills level of the players was fantastic. But most important of all was the fun and enjoyment for the both the players and supporters at every match. With great excitement in the air the finals were held on Friday evening. Who won? I cannot remember, everyone was a winner. We were delighted to welcome Fergal Whitely from the Dublin Senior Hurling team to present the cups and medals. The evening ended with a brilliant party and I must say that I have never seen such a mountain of burgers to disappear so fast. Thank you to our club members who organised the festival, and to our young Shankill Club referees for such an enjoyable week. Well done all.

Reunion of The Old Boys
It was great to catch up with some of the 1988 Junior B Hurling League Winners. Legends all.

Mothers&Others Team
Some of the team enjoying a hike. It's not all about football. New members welcome. Contact Michelle 085 2814265.

The Ladies Minor Football Team
The club are so proud of our Ladies Minor Football team who won their league at the first time of competing at this age group. The ladies came through with flying colours by winning all their matches. Some brilliant football was played during the campaign and they were deserving winners. As the ESB adv. says this was no minor achievement this was a major win as we begin to build on our successes for the future. And guess what? Most of the girls will be eligible at this age group to play again next year.

Academy
The Academy for boys and girls aged 4 to 6 years in in Stonebridge Road from 10.00am to 11.00am on Saturdays. Just call in and give it a try. You will be most welcome.

Annual Golf Classic
Our Golf Classic will be held in Woodbrook Golf Club on Thursday 12th June. A team of 4 players is €450 which includes a meal in Bradys Pub followed by the prize giving and party. To book a tee time or sponsor a tee box contact Wayne 086 3836382. All our community and new residents to Shankill are welcome to join us for an evening for Ceol agus Craic.

Summer Champs sponsored by McCartan's Pharmacy
Camp No 1 June 30th to July 4th
Camp No2 July 14th to July 18th
Cúl Camp August 14th to August 22nd
Contact Steve Davis 087 6414123

Attention
If you have just moved int the area or a current resident there is a place for you in our club. We cater for boys and girls from 4 years to adult. Shankill GAA Club is family. Contact Steve 087 6414123.

HUMBLE HERBS

Shirley Garland, Nutritional Therapist

Summer arrived early this year in Shankill and salads are making a welcome return to many lunch and dinner tables. One of the best ways to incorporate lots of your portions of daily fresh veggies, salads can also be a great way to use fresh herbs in the diet. Most herbs have a fabulous and distinctive smell – think of the lovely smell when chopping fresh basil or coriander, rosemary or dill and can give wonderful flavour to many dishes but did you know that aside from being fat free, sugar free, cholesterol free and calorie free they also contain fibre and are packed with essential nutrients and therefore very beneficial to our health?

Some lesser known herb facts:

- Parsley is rich in minerals such as calcium, magnesium, potassium and gram for gram contains approximately 36% more iron than spinach! Its high levels of antioxidant Vitamin C helps iron absorption and boosts our immune system. Vitamin K content supports bone health and blood clotting & Vitamin A supports immunity and eye and skin health. 4-6 tsp daily added to salads or smoothies can also help with gas, bloating and IBS and chewing raw parsley can even help improve bad breath.
- Chives are a nutritional powerhouse containing many nutrients such as Vitamins K, C and folate (B9) as well as calcium, iron and potassium. A member of the allium family they contain allicin which has been shown to reduce blood pressure, lower LDL cholesterol and improve circulation and contain carotenoids beneficial for eyesight. Chives are full of antioxidants that help to prevent many diseases including cancer.
- Dill contains several essential minerals and vitamins including Vitamins A & C and manganese with lesser amount of calcium, copper, magnesium, potassium, zinc and Vitamin B2. It is also rich in the antioxidant plant compounds flavonoids, terpenoids and tannins which all play roles in supporting various aspects of health including cardiovascular, brain, liver and kidneys as well as having an anti-bacterial effect. In ancient times dill was used to treat infant colic, digestive problems and to help increase milk supply in breastfeeding mothers but nowadays is more often used to flavour dishes such as potato salad or in a dressing for salmon.
- Mint is high in iron, folate, manganese and Vitamin A – a fat-soluble vitamin which supports eyesight. The oils in the leaves have been shown to help with digestion, gas, bloating, nausea, diarrhoea, IBS and asthma. Chewing fresh mint leaves can also help with bad breath. Use 4-6 tsp daily fresh in salads, smoothies or add to meals. Or why not infuse the leaves and make homemade mint tea?

Why not try growing your own herbs? This makes them sustainable, cheap and organic – herbs can easily be grown in tubs and pots on window sills for those with limited space. If shop bought remember to rinse them well to remove traces of pesticides.

TIP: For those aiming to reduce salt in the diet, adding herbs to stews, casseroles and soups instead can give lots of extra flavour. Although cooking fresh herbs will likely reduce vitamin content (similar to vegetables) mineral content will stay the same and the flavour of your dish will be greatly enhanced.

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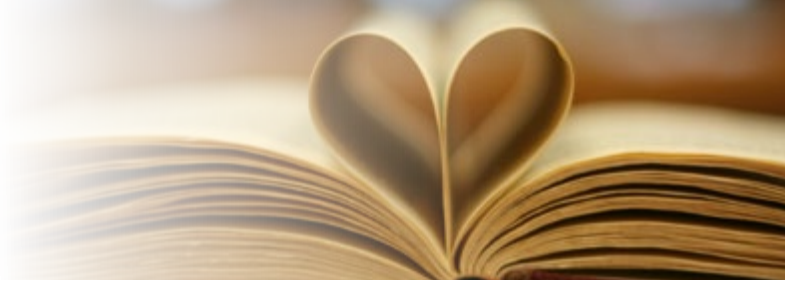

SHANKILL WRITER BRINGS HIS DUAL IDENTITY TO LIFE IN TWO BOOKS

With humor and affection, Steve Coronella explores his early life in Boston and his relocation to Shankill in the 1990s

In two recent paperback publications – ***Looking Homeward - Essays & Humor from a Misplaced American*** and ***Entering Medford - And Other Destinations*** – Shankill blow-in Steve Coronella recalls his 1970s Boston area upbringing and chronicles an eventful 21st-century Irish afterlife featuring marriage and fatherhood. "I like to think I take everyday experiences and give them universal appeal," Coronella says. "I also enjoy being informative in a humorous and entertaining way. Bill Bryson would be one of my favorite writers, along with fellow Medford boy Paul Theroux." In the Q&A session below, Coronella reveals more.

Given your Italian surname and being a born and bred Medfordite, how did you connect with Ireland?
Six months after marrying in 1956, my parents bought a house in Medford, six miles north of Boston – and we never moved. In fact, the house is still in the family. My grandparents on my mother's side came from Cork and my father's parents came from Augusta, Sicily. They all arrived in Boston around 1930. I visited Ireland for the first time in 1980 with my mother and my grandmother, who had several siblings still living around Cork city. After that, I came over fairly regularly on my own, for months at a time. Ireland and I just seemed to click. I've been an avid walker all my life, and Ireland in the 1980s was the perfect place to just wander, very different from what I was used to around Boston but comfortably familiar as well. I also used Ireland as a launch point for a visit to Sicily in 1986, to drop in unannounced on my father's relations. I write about that backpacking adventure in ***Entering Medford***.

You write about your dual identity, as a former Bostonian and now a Dub (of sorts). Plenty of material then?
Definitely – although it does feel at times like I have a split personality. So many things have changed since my younger days, which is to be expected of course. Medford – and Boston generally – aren't the places I knew growing up. And Ireland has been transformed even more in the last 30 plus years. In fact, it feels like I've lived in three different countries – all named Ireland – over that time. I write about this transformation in ***Looking Homeward***.

Before moving to Dublin, I lived for six years on Cape Cod, starting off in a busy "Irish commune" of J1 college students in the summer of 1986, which in a very roundabout way is how I was introduced to my wife. But my most dramatic life events were yet to come: settling in Shankill in the early 1990s, then marriage and fatherhood.

What motivated you to write about your experiences?
Writing is a way of trying to make sense of the world and your place in it. That definitely applies in my case. Plus, I've always been a fan of newspaper columnists, so when papers like the ***Boston Globe, Cape Cod Times, Providence Journal*** and ***Irish Times*** were receptive to my writing, I jumped at the opportunity to work in that form. As a result, I've now assembled a trilogy of sorts – my own informal memoir – that I hope my son will value in years to come, as a window into my world and his as he was growing up. I've also written a comic novel, ***Designing Dev***, about an Irish-American lad from Boston who's recruited to run for the Irish presidency. (Don't worry, I have no aspirations to occupy the Áras.)

So what are the most appealing features of your books?
Looking Homeward and ***Entering Medford*** offer many humorous bite-size accounts of my life here and across the water. I also give readers the benefit (or not) of my perspective on the changing face of Ireland over recent decades. Both books are engaging and thoughtful, with several tongue-in-cheek sketches reminiscent of columnists I've admired over the years, such as Russell Baker and Art Buchwald – not to mention Myles na gCopaleen.

A lot of memoirs are about overcoming extreme hardship or traumatic childhoods. I experienced nothing of the sort. At the same time, I had a very interesting upbringing. And when you sit down and write about it, you realize that an ordinary life can provide some pretty good material too.

Looking Homeward and ***Entering Medford*** are available in paperback from ***amazon.ie*** and are also available on loan from Shankill Library.

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It wasn't to be for our U14.7 team in the Brian Fitzmaurice Cup Final against Templeogue United FC. Fantastic achievement getting to the Final. All at the club are very proud of the lads.

We are delighted to announce that Shamrock Rovers and Shankill FC Summer Camps are back again. Join us for a week of fun and football this summer. Registration is open now at: https://www.shamrockrovers.ie/football-camps/. Simply select location and click on Shankill FC As part of this we are delighted to become an affiliate club of Shamrock Rovers F.C., Ireland's number one! There's a long and proud history of Shamrock Rovers in our community, and this affiliation is a natural step forward. It's a fantastic opportunity for our players, coaches, and club to grow alongside such an iconic name. We look forward to building our relationship both on and off the field. It was great to have some of our coaches at the Shamrock Rovers F.C. Coach Development Programme at Roadstone Training Academy recently.

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Shankill Bowling Club

by Jack Byrne P.R.O.

AN EVER GROWING COMMUNITY

When your readers are reading the wonderful newsletter that is SCAN, Summer will be upon us with June bursting out all over, coupled with the scents of nature everywhere, a busy holiday time with those beautiful long evenings in which to enjoy our pursuits. One relaxing pursuit we at Shankill Bowling club would have you consider is joining us on the rinks, a very pleasant way to take in some of those pleasures described above, keeping active in mind and body but most of all having fun.

Bowling is a sport where you can enjoy a leisurely relaxing fun time with friends or if it's your ambition to rise to the top level of competition clubs such as Shankill Bowling Club provide the impetus to achieve those very goals. But one of the biggest benefits of this sport is better health in the region of stress control, joint coordination and, above all, improvements in fitness levels. These are all positive gains. Lawn bowls is also a game to strengthen, determination and teamwork in the pursuit of a goal individually or as a group playing in teams competitively in organized leagues each season.

Early in May during the bank holiday weekend our club cast the net for would-be members by holding a recruitment drive for anyone interested within the community of south Dublin and surrounding districts to join our club and to see for themselves what a marvelous sport they have access to in the immediate vicinity. But we would emphasize that we are always open for new members. Just get in touch through our website which is shankillbowlingclub.ie or drop down to our premises on Quinn's Road, Shankill anytime, leave your details with us and we'll get back to you within a few days of your visit.

The open weekend recruitment event is promoted by the Irish Lawn Bowling Association. This is when bowling clubs large and small around the country open up their rinks to invite those to try their hand at this sport of bowling as a popular and relaxing way of keeping fit and active, while making new friends at the same time. Long may it last.

The club premises on Quinn's Road continues to receive a much wanted facelift with planting ideas being discussed with DLRCoCo. A total review of security lighting is being planned going forward.

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Shankill Valeview Shanganagh Football Club (SVS FC)

by Jay Mahony

My name is Keith Maguire & I'm the manager of SVS FC Senior Saturday team.

I've been involved with the Leinster Senior League for nearly 35 years. Darren (Japo) has also had a long-standing association with the LSL. With a playing career stretching back 20 + years & management for the last 5 or 6 years. Mark Kinsella needs no introduction. He's played 48 times for the Ireland senior team & was a member of Mick McCarthy's team at the 2002 World Cup finals in Korea. The job we were tasked with when we took charge this season was clear...GET PROMOTED !

Season kicked off with a home game against Seaford, where we ran out 2-0. A 0-0 draw away to Ballyfermot, and then a 4-game winning run started for us. A group of 3 formed at the top of the table, Newbridge Town, Leicester Celtic and SVS in hot pursuit. Bad weather started to hamper our fixtures as both Newbridge & Leicester, who play on Astro pitches, opened a gap. Our next challenge was Newbridge, who played 4 games more than us. SVS were 2-0 down at Half Time and the lads turned in a performance, scoring 4 to win. We then banged in 8 against local rivals TEK United, we were in a rich vein of form heading to Leicester in a top of the table clash.

A Friday night in March. SVS were 3-1 down with 7 mins to play & our unbeaten run looked over. Late goals from Dave Baker, Simon O'Brian & the winner of Jake O'Toole were reminiscent of United in '99 against Bayern. It was a 2-horse race between SVS & Leicester, until Leicester went on a run of 3 straight draws. A 2-0 win away to Seaford, a 4-0 home win against Dublin University, meant SVS needed 1 point from one of our last remaining 3 games to win the title. St. Paul's were up next. 26/04/2025.. St. Paul's arrived adamant they weren't going to make things easy for us; after hitting them for 8 goals the ref blew the whistle and that was that. SVS FC were Leinster Senior League Division 1C Champions.

A special mention to the guys behind the scenes. Joe Whyte, John "Smokey" Turner, Brendan Yates & Eugene O'Rourke. They've gone above & beyond at times in helping us this season & it's greatly appreciated by us all. Unfortunately, we'll be saying goodbye to a few of our squad members, Dean McCloskey & Jay Mahoney who plans to retire, Luke Moore & Jack Dunne are off travelling. All 4 will be a big loss. On behalf of myself, Japo, Mark and all the players we say a big thank you, for all the support we've received throughout the season.

Sunday Team

Hard to sum up the Sunday team's season, it wasn't successful in the way of trophies or finals or even a promotion! It was a very good year in many other ways and the players showed great commitment and attitude throughout the whole season. A slow start to the season and other circumstances saw the long-term management team of Tommy Keenan and Brian Moore step down as managers. I would like to add that both men have done unbelievable work for the team and the club since the amalgamation took place and have given most of the players their first taste of senior football, gaining a promotion in their first year together. The club is thankful for all their hard work and commitment over the years.

During this period of uncertainty, it would have been very easy for the players to just down tools and pack it in, but in-fact they did the opposite, they showed up in numbers week in week out for games and training and one game that stands out, was away to Raheny at 3pm on a Sunday afternoon which at the best the of times is a bit of a nuisance of a trip and would have been very easy with excuses to pull out, but they turned up and travelled and gave a great account of themselves. A new management team of Wayne Morris, Andy Morris, Ross Whyte and Jay Mahony took over just before Christmas, the team were bottom of the table at this point, and things started to improve, some good results followed, which helped move us up the table to safety.

We ended the season very strongly, none more so than going to the league leaders who only needed a point to win the league on the night, SVS more than matched them, which showed that we are more than capable of competing in this league, and we are in a very strong position going into next season. Results towards the latter end of the season show that this team has the capabilities of great things, with the right preseason they can progress up the Sunday divisions. We thank our backroom staff of Joe Johnny Eugene and Bren for all they do behind the scenes so we can concentrate on just playing.

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Thank you to the hundreds of Shankill residents who have donated to the Judicial Review challenging the Bus Connects plans for Shankill. Together we have raised over **€40,000** at time of writing and we will continue to fundraise in coming months. Thanks to your support and the work of Shankill Community Action Group, Shankill Tidy Towns and Councillor Jim Gildea, the request for a Judicial Review was lodged within the tight deadline. It is now before the Courts in what may be a costly process. In the event of a successful outcome of the Judicial Review process and also an award of costs in our favour, costs may be recovered and distributed pro-rata to donors.

Since the BusConnects plans for Shankill were first announced in 2019, there have been several public meetings in Shankill organised by local councillors. Public meetings were also arranged by the National Transport Authority. At an early stage, the NTA asked that a smaller group meet with them. A consultative group was formed, representing local residents, neighbourhood groups, businesses and public representatives, and established community groups including Shankill Tidy Towns and SAGE.

The '**Save Shankill Village**' group organised a petition opposing the plans which was supported by over 3,000 signatures. As a result, the NTA was persuaded to revise its proposals to run four lanes of traffic through Shankill Village but the proposed destruction elsewhere remained. In view of the changed proposals for the Village, the consultative group evolved into "**Shankill Community Action**'.

There were a number of submission rounds to the NTA and residents had a further opportunity to make submissions to An Bord Pleanála. The people of Shankill have made their voices heard throughout, and submissions from Shankill residents consistently far exceeded those for the entire remainder of the route. The overwhelming view has been that the level of destruction in Shankill is not offset by the possible, but not proven, gain of a couple of minutes in bus journey times.

The removal of 359 large individual trees, 41 groups of trees and about three kilometres of hedgerows on the section between Loughlinstown and Wilford roundabouts is unjustified on environmental and biodiversity grounds. The NTA proposals include removal of granite walls and every tree and hedgerow to a depth of about five metres on the right of the road from Loughlinstown roundabout to Stonebridge Road and then the same on the left side to St Anne's Church, including removal of some of the church grounds. A similar level of destruction is proposed on the Bray side of the village including the removal of all the mature trees in front of Crinken Glen estate.

Residents are also concerned about the impact of the removal of the roundabouts at St. Anne's Church and Quinn's Road on traffic flows through the Village and access to Corbawn Lane.

Another solution, originally considered to be the best option by the NTA, was to run a bus corridor close to the M11 motorway. Currently, Transport Infrastructure Ireland are proposing to run a bus corridor along the hard shoulder of the M11.

The view of Shankill Community Action is that Shankill currently has an excellent bus service, which must be maintained and improved and that, if only buses serving Shankill and Bray pass through Shankill, relatively minor route improvements will suffice. Buses serving other locations, including new developments in the Bray and Greystones areas, should use the M11 corridor. This approach was endorsed by the Transport Economist engaged by Shankill Community Action but was dismissed by the NTA as being a separate scheme.

Why spend major public funds on a bus corridor through Shankill when a better option is available that will guarantee bus journey times and save Shankill and its environment? Last year the Tidy Towns adjudicator praised Shankill's stunning approach roads and distinctive stone walls. BusConnects would destroy all this. Recent coverage by RTE news showed just how beautiful Shankill is and what is at risk. This waste will make the Leinster House bike shed look like good value!

If you haven't already done so, please make your contribution to the Judicial Review costs by giving to **www.idonate.ie/cause/ShankillCommunityAction1** or directly to Shankill Tidy Towns IBAN: **IE48 AIBK 9333 9207 4230 21 (reference: SCA)** or by **cheque** to Shankill Tidy Towns, Shankill Business Centre, Station Road, Shankill D18 N1N2.

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Research suggests that if inflation stays at its current level of around 2% in this country it would deflate a nest egg of €20,000 to just €16,600 in 10 years. Many of us don't realise how quickly inflation can shrink our savings unless they're earning a return that keeps up.

Cash savings, such as those held in low-interest demand deposit accounts, are most vulnerable to inflation's silent squeeze. This issue is particularly acute for pensioners who have cash lump sums in the bank or are relying on their savings after leaving the workforce. Relying solely on low-return cash accounts is risky due to inflation's erosive effects.

Even modest inflation can diminish the buying power of retirement lump sums or emergency funds meant to last years, making it vital to plan accordingly. In Ireland, historical inflation rates over the past 50 years have averaged roughly 4.35% year over year. If this rate of inflation continued then €100 today would be worth only €65 in 10 years. And the €100 would be worth just €43 in 20 years' time.

The current economic policies of the European Central Bank aim to maintain a 2% target and if this is achieved then the decline would be less severe. In this scenario €100 will be worth €82 in 10 years, and €67 in 20 years. It is important to be aware that even low rates of inflation compound over time, significantly affecting retirement funds. For example, a 30-year-old planning to retire at 66, experiencing a 4.35% inflation rate, would see the purchasing power of €100 today shrink to around €21.5 by retirement! The good news is that investing your pension and other savings should provide protection from the effects of inflation.

There are many benefits to having savings on deposit in case of a rainy day. However, relying on cash savings as a way to provide a retirement income may not be the best strategy, regardless of your age. Thankfully, there are investment solutions available to mitigate the impact of inflation. There are many factors to consider when choosing a suitable investment. It is important to get advice from a qualified Financial Advisor.

– Source: Independent.ie

Local History Society Lectures

by James Scannell

Clontarf Historical Society
Ann Louise Mulhall will present ***'The History of Clontarf Bowling Club, 1925 – 2025'*** at 7.30 p.m. on Monday June 9th in St. John's Pastoral Centre, Clontarf Road, Clontarf, Dublin 3. All are welcome - admission is €5.

Bray Cualann Historical Society
Robert Butler will recall ***'The Arcadia Ballroom, Bray'*** and members of the Society ***'Stories of Bray'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday June 19th in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All are welcome – admission is €8 for non-members.

Foxrock Local History Club
As part of the dlr Summer of Heritage programme, Padraig Laffan will present ***'Our Townlands'*** at 6.30 p.m. on Monday June 23rd in Deansgrange Library, Clonkeen Drive, Deansgrange, Dublin 18. Admission is free but booking is required – call 01-204 7218; email: deansgrangelib@dlrcoco.ie.

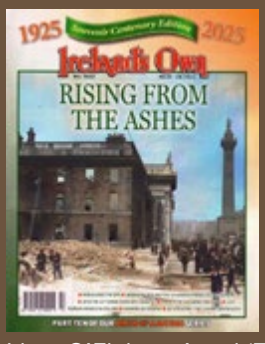
Dublin City Council Heritage Office
Dr. Páraic Kerrigan will present ***'Queer Joy and Loss: Ambivalent Intersections and Celebrating Dublin's Hirschfeld Centre 1979-1987'*** at 6 p.m. on Wednesday June 25th in the Oak Room, Mansion House, Dublin 2. Admission is free but booking is required via Eventbrite.

Clondalkin Historical Society
Peadar Curran will recall ***'Manoeuvres on Kilmashogue with connection to Caldbeck of Clondalkin'*** at 8 p.m. on Monday June 30th in Áras Chrónáin – Irish Cultural Centre, Watery Lane, Clondalkin, Co. Dublin. All are welcome – admission is €5.

Shankill – Looking Back

Profiteering in Shankill?
In June 1925 a letter writer to the 'Evening Herald; using the name 'Pater Familias' complained that he, his wife, two children, and five friends, from Dublin, had visited Shankill on Sunday June 14th and had ordered Tea, consisting of tea, milk, bread and butter and cold meat, for 10s. in a local premises. Extra food was requested and supplied but he was put out when he was billed at the higher price of 13s and felt, to use the modern term, 'ripped off.' However he was put in his place by Jack Geegan, The Vale, Shankill, who wrote; 'I was astounded that anyone should be so familiar with present day prices. What does he want for 1s.5½d, (per head). Tea bread, butter and cold meat at this price will compare favourably with present day prices. I would suggest to 'Pater Familias' that the next day he decides on a day's outing, he should stay at home.'

Publications



'Ireland's Own – 1925 – Rising from the Ashes – Part 10 of the Birth of a Nation series of annual publications. Articles featured in this issues include – Cian Manning writes on 'The World in 1925,' 'They Were Born in 1925', 'Detective in the Dock', 'Mystery Thief at Galway', 'When the soldier seized the umpire's flag,' 'Oonah Keogh – Ireland's first female stockbroker,' 'An Ode to Ballinode,' 'Centenary of " The Informer" – a profile of novelist Liam O'Flaherty' and 'They Died in 1925',Seán Beattie writes on 'Everyday Life in 1925,'and 'Poteen Wars', Eamon Duggan writes on 'The Spectre of Famine Envelops the Country,' 'The Birth of a Bitter Rivalry,' 'The End of an era in Policing,' 'Growing into Statehood,' 'The Boundary Commission – a Constitutional Crisis', 'Th Banning of Divorce in the Irish Free State,' 'Observations on the Social and Economic Fabric of the Country,' and 'Tuam Mother and Baby Home – A House of Infamy', Éamon Ó Budhacháin writes on 'Rebuilding the GPO', 'Euro Police arrest Dutch fugitive in Ireland', 'What was on in the cinema?,' 'The Killing of Honor Bright,' 'Testing Times for Ireland's new radio station,' and 'The Sporting Year of 1925', Michael Dwyer writes on 'Annie Walsh: Last Woman hanged in Ireland', Brian McCabe writes on 'Gaelic Games in 1925', and 'Art and Literature in 1925', Pauline Murphy writes on 'Passing of a Groundbreaking Scientist – George Sigerson', Dr. Richard McElligott writes on 'The 1925 Shannon Hydroelectric Scheme', Eoin Swithin Walsh writes on 'James Stephens,' 'The Leaving Certificate – a lasting impression,' and 'The 1925 Nationwide Seanad Election', Maolsheachlann Ó Ceallaigh writes on 'Death of the "Patron Saint of Alcoholics" – Matt Talbot', Eugene Dunphy recalls 'The Songs of 1925', Thomas Mohr writes on 'Last Shadow of Dáil Courts Disappears', Seán Ryan profiles 'George Bernard Shaw' and writes on 'Homes Fit for Heroes – Killester Garden Village.'

Copies of this excellent publication are on sale from newsagents or can be ordered directly from Ireland's Own.

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Rathmichael Historical Society

by Richard Ryan

The Society started its outings programme with a fascinating guided walking tour of the medieval churches of Dublin led by Stuart Kinsella on 12th April. Some of these have completely disappeared but Stuart was able to pinpoint their locations. The Boyne Valley is the focus for most of our outings this year and for the Summer Lecture Series in August.

On 8th May, Roger Stalley guided us on a visit to the 6th century Monasterboice monastic site with its wonderful 10th century high crosses and afterwards to the 12th century Cistercian abbey at Mellifont. The contrast between the ancient Irish-style monastery at Monasterboice and the "modern" continental-style abbey was striking. The popularity of Mellifont eventually led to the decline of Monasterboice. We were so fortunate to have the expertise of Roger Stalley to explain how and where the high crosses were made and to interpret the iconography on them.

The following is the programme for the rest of 2025:

Saturday, 14th June: walking tour of Tullamore led by local historian, Michael Byrne, followed by guided visits to two buildings designed by the famous architect, Francis Johnston: Charleville Forest (house) and St. Catherine's Church.

Summer Lecture Series

- Monday, 11th Aug: The Boyne Valley Landscape *by Stephen Mandal*
- Tuesday, 12th Aug: The Medieval Bridges of the Boyne Valley *by Rob Goodbody*
- Wednesday, 13th Aug: The Ford of Broe on the Boyne *by Paul Gosling*
- Thursday, 14th Aug: Historic Trim *by Michael Potterton*
- Friday, 15th Aug: Houses of the Boyne *by Aisling Durkan*

All lectures held in Rathmichael School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, Co.Dublin at 8pm and can also be attended by Zoom. Admission €5 for non-members (includes tea/coffee).

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Shankill Classical Music Club

John Ashworth based his playlist on recordings that he has or had on vinyl, nowadays available more conveniently on CD or other digital transfers. A notable feature was the range of instrumental and vocal timbres and styles. Take the strings, for example. For violin we had two pieces, both labelled "romance": with orchestral background, the more popular of Beethoven's two Romances; and with piano accompaniment, a real rarity - an arrangement by Irish composer Philip Green, under the title The Magic Bow - Romance, of a melody from a violin concerto by Paganini.

Moving up to four players, "romantic" is not a word that comes to mind for the music in Bartok's set of six string quartets. At a stretch, one or two movements might qualify. But not the last two movements of the fourth quartet, from 1928. They have very different textures – a short rhythmically complex movement played pizzicato (plucked strings) followed by a violently driving finale, drawing breath briefly before the crunching final chords.

And so to multiple strings. What is it about English 20th century composers and the string orchestra? There are famous examples by most of the first division - Elgar, Vaughan Williams, Britten, Tippett - and many of the lesser lights also revelled in the genre. Our example was the alternately energetic and pastoral-sounding first movement from the plainly named Music for Strings by Arthur Bliss – born 1891, he was considered a tearaway avant-gardist until his mid-twenties but had become a mellowed, more conventional figure by 1935 when this piece appeared, so much part of the establishment that in later years he accepted the role of Master of the Queen's Music.

Just a few years earlier than Bliss's piece, the slightly older John Ireland had composed his only completed piano concerto. An immediate success, with its wealth of melody and warm romanticism, it stayed in favour for many decades, and although it has been recorded a good few times – the version we heard dates from the fifties - when did you last hear it live?

The other keyboard example in the evening (what – no harpsichords?) was the best-known organ work (the Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne in C, ref no 137 in his catalogue) by Buxtehude, the North German organist whose fame, legend tells us, prompted the young J S Bach to walk the two hundred and fifty miles from Thuringia. Is there any more thrilling organ sound, even in JSB, than the thundering theme played on the pedals with which this work begins?

A movement from one of Brahms's clarinet and piano sonatas, and one from the kitchen-sink-and-all Military Septet by Hummel (flute, clarinet, trumpet (!), piano, violin, cello, double bass) completed the varied instrumental parade. Oh, and of course there were conventional full orchestral sounds in the distinctive Sibelius sound-palette of the tone poem Pohjola's Daughter and the circus-band tarantella from the suite La Boutique Fantasque that Respighi cobbled together from some of Rossini's repertoire of tunes.

The vocal selections were just as varied: the aria Du bist der Lenz from Wagner's Die Walküre, with the legendary soprano Kirsten Flagstad; a movement from the a capella Symphony of Voices from 1962 by the Australian-born English-naturalised Malcolm Williamson (who, incidentally, succeeded Bliss as Master of the Queen's Music); and the old American religious song (Shall we Gather) At the River in an arrangement, typically harmonically quirky, by Charles Ives: the singer was Marni Nixon, nowadays perhaps best remembered as the singing voice for Natalie Wood's Maria in the 1961 film of West Side Story.

The last meeting before the summer break will be on Wed 11 June. Usual time and place: 7:45 in Shankill Day Centre, Lower Road, Shankill. Visitors and new members are always welcome. For further info please ring or text John O'Hagan (087-210 9175).

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SÁINNIÚ

Written in English by Jean Hogan and translated into Irish by An Ciorcal Comhrá Seanchill.

Ó bhí sí an-óg, bhíodh an réasúnaíocht loighciúil agus an smaointeoireacht criticiúil thar mar ba ghnách ag Tatiana Aleksandrovich. Shiúladh sí ar réamhscoil lena máthair. Dhéanadh na páistí eile liathróidí sneachta. Dá bhrí sin bhíodh gcuid lámhainní olla fliuch. D'fhanadh Titiana ag súgradh leo tar éis scoile. Bhíodh a fhios aici nach mbíodh na háiseanna go maith sa scoil chun éadaigh a thriomu agus go mbíodh na lámhainní tais fós ar a slí abhaile. Ach bhíodh sí in ann cur suas le lámhainní taise mar d'éirídís tirm thar oíche agus iad ar crochadh ar an líne os cionn soirn a bhí déanta as iarann teilgthe.

An teaghlach Ludovich san árasán os a gcionn, thugaidís cuireadh do. Titiana go rialta bainne te agus cáca a bheith leo ag a 4 a chlog. Seanlánúin ab ea iad a bhí ar scor ón múinteoireacht ach a raibh suim acu fós sa chultúr agus sna healaíona. Bhí an t-árasán lán de leabhair. Nuair nach raibh Tatiana ach 3 bliana d'aois, chuir sí ceist ar Papa Ludovich faoin gclár fichille a bhíodh ar an mbord cistine i gcónaí. Bhíodh na fir fichille bogtha go minic agus bhíodh roinnt díobh lasmuigh den chlár. D'imríodh Papa Ludovich ficheall le seanchara tríd an bpost. D'fhéadfá a shamhlú go mbíodh an cluiche fada agus roinnt costasach. Ní raibh ach pinsean beag ag an mbeirt Ludovich agus bhí páipéar nótaí agus stampaí costasach sa Rúis. D'éiligh Tatiana go múinfeadh Papa ficheall di agus sula i bhfad thugadh sí a dhúshlán agus í ag fáil an bhua air, nach mór. Nuair a bhí sí 5 bliana d'aois bhí sí in ann buachan air go héasca ba chuma cén bogadh a rinne sé.

Chuir Papa Ludovich ceist ar a tuismitheoirí an ligfeadh siad dó a hainm a chur síos don chomórtas sóisearach áitiúil a bheadh ar siúl i mí na Samhna. D'aontaigh siad agus nuair a tháinig an t-am bhí Titiana ar bís ach suaimhneach. Bhuaigh sí a a babhtaí go héasca agus bhuail sí le buachaill sé bliana déag d'aois sa chluiche ceannais. Bhí sé tar éis an comórtas a bhuachan le 4 bliana anuas. Tháinig an baile uilig mar chuala siad faoi Titiana. Conas a bheadh cailín 5 bliana d'aois in ann bua a fháil ar bhuachaill mór láidir, buachaill dúr pusach? (Dála an scéil, bá é an mac ba shine an burgermeister é.) Ba chailín beag bídeach í Titiana a raibh loinnir ina súile gorma agus a raibh gruaig theann chatach fhionnrua uirthi.

Bhuel, tharla an rud nach bhféadfaí a shamhlú. D'imir an buachaill ar nós cuma liom agus i slí a bhí ábhairín feáin toisc go raibh sé muiníneach go mbeadh an bua aige ar an gcailín beag postúil seo leis na súile móra gorma agus a raibh dlaoi uirthi a bhí ag titim thar a clár éadain. An cailín beag postúil seo a raibh uirthi dhá chuisín a bheith ar a cathaoir mar ba ar éigean a shrois a haghaidh bheag barr an bhoird. Bhuaigh sí air i bhfeachtas a bhí réamhbheartaithe cúramach a d'fhág leochaileach cráite ciaptha é. Thosaigh a raibh sa halla ag liúireach do Titiana bheag agus fiú an buachaill, d'umhlaigh sé di mar gheall ar an scil a bhí ní b'fhearr aici. An méara freisin, bhí air miongháire a dhéanamh agus bhí sé breá sásta lámh a chroitheadh léi.

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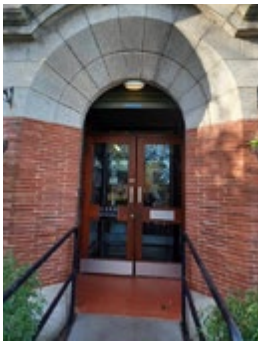

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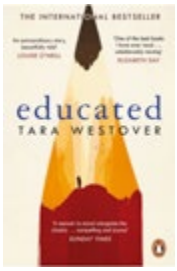

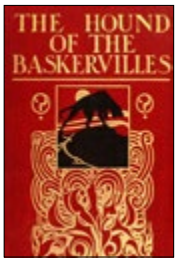

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School News in scan

Rathmichael National School

Here's hoping that the sun continues to shine as we look forward to lots of outdoor activities this term. We had a fun filled last day of the previous term with some amazingly creative hair styles on display and lots of zany socks. Money raised from this will go to Fields of Life to support Caleb and Mercy's continuing education. Second class went to Shankill Library on this date also for an author visit by Tatyana Feeney who facilitated an art activity and read from some of her books. Thanks to the Library staff for arranging this.

In early May, selected children from 4th, 5th and 6th Classes represented the school in the Scoil Mhuire hosted Cross Country Invitational (in its 3rd year) involving several primary schools in the locality and held on the pitches on Stonebridge Road. The event was a great success. My thanks to Principal Brian Colman and to Scoil Mhuire for all the organisation. Congratulations to all those who ran and my thanks to the class teachers and to the parents who accompanied our pupils. Julia B took an individual 1st place in her race while Isla S was 2nd in the same race. Mary-Kate B and Jonah RB were 2nd in their respective races. Well done to all.

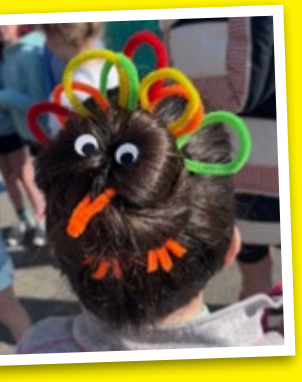
Also in May, the PTA held a Bake Sale in aid of school funds and this was a great success with a vast array of goodies for sale. My thanks to the PTA and its helpers for all their hard work.

Mona McCrea visited Sixth class as part of the Marine Institute's Explorers Education Programme. She gave a workshop on the importance of our marine environment and our oceans. As part of this programme, the class went to Sandycove for a Seashore Safari. They all enjoyed learning about the marine life on our seashores and found lots of interesting shells and crustaceans. Fourth class had a visit from scientist Nigel Carroll, who conducted experiments focused on friction, light, liquid gas and gravity. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Sixth class have once again been taking part in the European Movement Ireland Blue Star Flag programme, submitting projects on European countries and hosting a European Food Day. The Blue Star programme teaches primary school pupils about European cultures, diversity and the EU through creative activities and projects which complement the national primary curriculum.

The aim of the programme is to foster better knowledge and understanding of the EU and how it affects our lives, among Irish primary pupils through fun, creative classroom projects and activities. We were delighted to welcome Barry Andrews, MEP; Barry Ward, T.D and Cormac Devlin, T.D to the school to talk to the children and to view the work that they had undertaken.

In conjunction with this, the whole school took part in Handshake for Europe – to acknowledge the diversity and solidarity that exists amongst the school community, highlighting that they are all connected as citizens of the EU.



Finally, in glorious sunshine, pupils from 2nd Class made their 1st Holy Communion in St. Anne's Church on the 10th of May. Congratulations to them all.

We look forward to our tours, Active Week and Sports Day amongst other activities.

Naomi Rousseau
(Principal)

Update from...

Cormac Devlin TD

I'm honoured to have been appointed by An Taoiseach Micheál Martin as Fianna Fáil Spokesperson on Northern Ireland, UK Relations, and the Diaspora, and as Chair of the Oireachtas Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement.

These roles come at a critical time for Ireland and our shared future. I look forward to working with communities across the island, supporting our diaspora abroad, and ensuring that the peace, progress, and partnerships built through the Good Friday Agreement continue to flourish.

EUROPE DAY AT RATHMICHAEL NATIONAL SCHOOL WITH BARRY ANDREWS

Locally, it was a pleasure to mark Europe Day in Shankill with Barry Andrews MEP and the fantastic 6th Class students from Rathmichael National School.

Their projects were excellent, the European food was delicious, and the enthusiasm for Europe's future was truly inspiring. Well done to all involved!

ST. ANNE'S NS AND SCOIL MHUIRE NS DEBATE

I was delighted to judge the recent inter-school debate between St. Anne's NS and Scoil Mhuire NS in Shankill. The standard was incredibly high, with students presenting well-researched arguments and showing great confidence, teamwork, and respect.

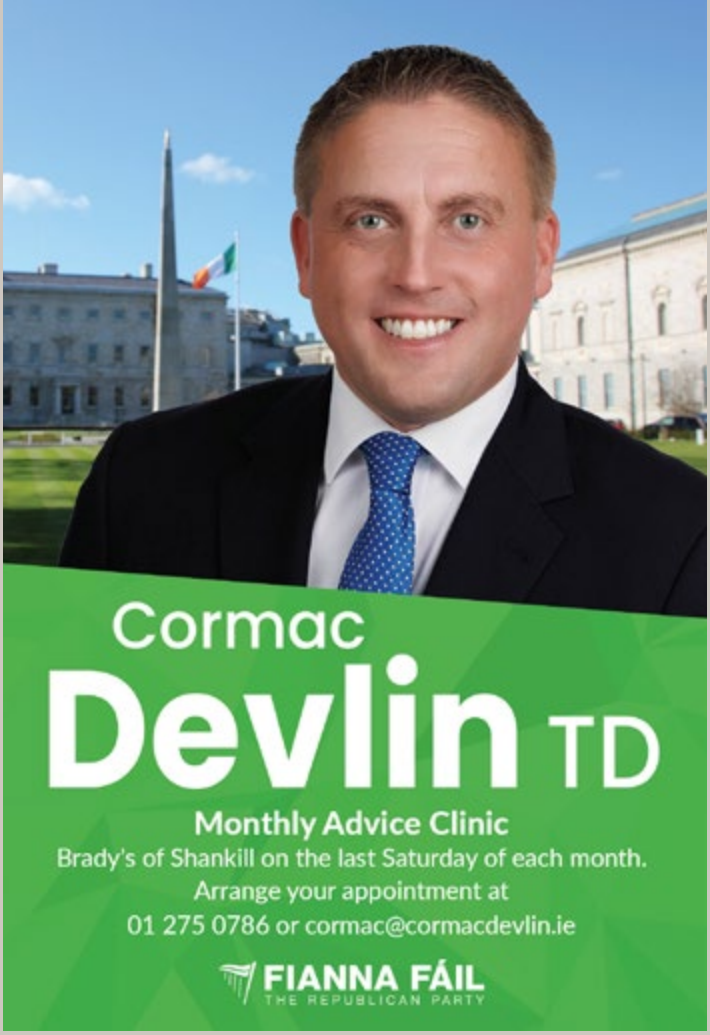
It's heartening to see young people engage so thoughtfully with important issues, proof of the value of debate in our schools. My sincere thanks to Ms. Mairéad Keegan and all involved for the kind invitation and warm welcome. Congratulations to all the students who took part. You represented your schools brilliantly and gave us all great hope for the future.

€150,000 FOR HISTORIC MONUMENTS IN SHANKILL

I'm delighted to welcome over €150,000 in Community Monuments Fund support for heritage in Shankill. Under Stream 1 for physical restoration, Puck's Castle receives €54,000 and Shankill Castle has secured €100,000.

This investment will protect and restore two of our most historic local sites. Puck's Castle—where legend says King James II stayed following the Battle of the Boyne in 1690, is a rare example of a 16th-century fortified tower house in South Dublin.

Shankill Castle dates back to 1229, when it was established by Archbishop Henry de Loundres as an administrative centre for his vast estate. Though largely in ruins today, it remains a powerful symbol of Shankill's medieval heritage.
These works will preserve our built heritage and open new



opportunities for education, community engagement, and local pride. Sincere thanks to Minister Christopher O'Sullivan and all involved in securing this important funding.

HOUSING ADAPTATION GRANT FUNDING INCREASED BY €1 MILLION

News that an additional €1 million has been allocated to support Housing Adaptation Grants in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown is very welcome. Funding has increased to €3.8 million—a 36% rise on 2024.

This is a vital investment in our community, helping more older people and those with disabilities to live safely and independently in their own homes. There are three types of grant support available:

The ***Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability*** offers up to €30,000 for major home adaptations like wheelchair-accessible bathrooms, stairlifts, and downstairs bedrooms.

The ***Housing Aid for Older People*** provides up to €8,000 for essential repairs like rewiring, roof works, or installing central heating.

The ***Mobility Aids Grant Scheme*** offers up to €6,000 for smaller changes such as grab rails, ramps, and walk-in showers. It is available to households with an income of €30,000 or less.

All three grants are administered by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. If you know anyone who could benefit, please encourage them to contact the Council, visit citizensinformation.ie, or call my office for assistance.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

My monthly Advice Clinic takes place in Brady's of Shankill on the last Saturday of each month *(excluding Bank Holidays)*. Please get in touch by calling **01 275 0786** or emailing ***cormac@cormacdevlin.ie*** to make an appointment or if I can assist you in any way.

Debating

Scoil Mhuire's senior debate teams expressed themselves passionately regarding the motion, "The government's proposal to ban smart phones in secondary schools in a good idea."

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Chess

Scoil Mhuire hosted the Féile Fichille on April 4th with three of its teams qualifying to represent their school and compete against other skilled chess players.

The Skort

by Caroline Foley

12-Year-old Camogie Player, Shankill.

I'm a girl of twelve who plays sports every day.
My favourite sport is of course GAA.
Playing camogie or football, I'm out to impress,
But now my coach says I must wear a dress!
Or a "skort" they tell me is the official name,
But skort, skirt or dress – they're all pretty lame.
How are we different to all of the guys?
What does it matter what covers our thighs?
It's a sad day for girls if they want to play sport,
that they can be sent off the pitch for not wearing a skort!
They teach me in school that all kids are the same,
so why are girls different when playing this game?

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School News in scan

Trip to Dáil

by Laura Clinch, 6th class

In late April, Ms.Kelly's 5th class went on the Dart on a trip to Dáil. Once we arrived at Pearse Street we went to Merrion Park to have lunch. After we walked over to the Dáil.

First of all we went and saw the Seanad. Next we saw paintings of previous Taoiseachs. Finally we saw the Limerick House and the Voting Room. We then went back to Pearse Street Station, got the Dart back to Shankill and walked back to St.Annes. It was a great trip.

Second Class Communion Service

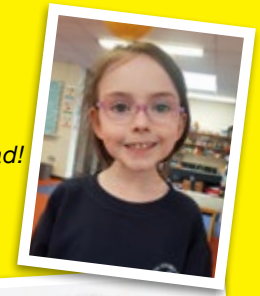
Here are the two beautiful communion classes who made their communion in May. Well done to all involved.

Texaco Art Competition

by Alex Connolly

Hello Shankill, today we are going to tell you about a student called Maya.

Maya has made a beautiful art piece for the Texaco art competition and she came in the top 18 and won a free art and hobby goodie bag. Let's dive in and explore Maya's drawing.



Let's Hear From Maya!

1. What was your drawing about?
   Maya's drawing is about her lovely grandad!

2. What inspired Maya to draw her grandad:
   He's very kind.
   Maya loves drawing face portraits.

3. How did you draw him?
   Maya drew him when he was sitting on a seat and that took 3 days and 1 night. Crazy!

4. What art supplies did you use?
   Maya used charcoal pencils, rubber pens, white gel pens and a white blender.

5. Are you excited for the prize giving ceremony?
   Maya is buzzing for the ceremony at a lovely hotel and the thing she can't wait for is the drumroll please... afternoon tea! And don't forget about the art box!

6. Does your grandad like the drawing..?
   Yes, he loves it! He says it makes him look older but other than that he loves it.

7. Who is coming to the ceremony ?
   Maya's mum and her grandad of course. He's going to be a celebrity!

8. How many drawings did you do?
   Well, Maya made just one amazing drawing. She stuck with that drawing and it turned out to be - Amazing!

9. Did you enjoy drawing it?
   Yes. Maya loved drawing it. It's always been her favourite thing to do.

10. Last question: Why did you decide to keep the drawing in black and white?
    Maya decided to keep it with no colour because it highlighted his features and made it look more realistic.

    Oh! One more thing, Maya said about someone wanting to start drawing.
    "If you were to start drawing, keep pushing through"

Now lets wish Maya the best of luck and I'll see you next month. All of us here in Saint Anne's wish Maya all the best while she attends the ceremony. We are so proud of her.

Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Carrie Smyth

PLAYGROUND, GREEN AREA; SHANGANAGH CLIFFS

Motion: That the Chief Executive carry out immediate and regular maintenance of the playground on the green area at Shanganagh Cliffs to include uneven surfaces, removal of moss, repair the self-closing gate, remove graffiti, repair equipment, enclose sports area to ensure children do not run out onto the road and prevent dogs entering.

Report: The playground receives weekly maintenance, including litter pickups and equipment inspections. The pedestrian gate's self-closing mechanism will be repaired immediately. Play equipment, safety surfacing, and the Multi-Use Games Area's (MUGA) macadam surface will be thoroughly cleaned, including graffiti removal, within the coming weeks. Replacement seats for several units have been ordered. While all equipment is currently functional, we acknowledge the coastal environment's impact on its lifespan. During the scheduled May RPII inspections, we will assess the need for potential play equipment upgrades and localised surface improvements. The MUGA's distance from the road negates the requirement for a fence.

Owner: Bridget Treacy, Senior Executive Park Superintendent

RAMPS ON STONEBRIDGE ROAD

Question: To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to include the ramps on Stonebridge Road, Shankill in the permanent reinstatement works?

Reply: We have assessed the condition of the ramps on Stonebridge Road and will consider them for works later in the year. If there is sufficient budget available, we will endeavour to include them in the works programmed for the Old Dublin Road or Shanganagh Road, Shankill later in the year.

Owner: Robert Mulhall – A/Senior Executive Officer – Infrastructure and Climate Change

STREET BIN REVIEW 2025

Annual reviews related to the street bin service are conducted by the Cleansing Section of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. Each review looks at the distribution of bins across the county, the frequency of individual bin collections, the misuse of bins at some locations and the requests for removal or installation of bins since the previous review.

Extract from the Street Bin Review 2025 relating to Shankill only:
Appendix C: Requests for New Bins Approved
- Shankill Dart station - Approved; - 1 new bin
- Quinn's Road - Barrel Bin will be provided in peak season.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING, SHANGANAGH

Motion: That the Chief Executive installs a zebra crossing with lights or signalised pedestrian
crossing on the crossing painted on the Dublin Road at the access road to Shanganagh Park and Cemetery Car Park.

Report:The request signalised pedestrian crossing on the Dublin Road at the access road to
Shanganagh Park and Cemetery Car Park is noted. However, please be advised that this area is slated for redesign as part of the Bus Connects project. The proposed changes within the Bus Connects plan will comprehensively address pedestrian and traffic flow at this location, and therefore, a standalone installation at this time will be superseded by the larger project's design.

In the meantime, Traffic and Roads Safety Section have advised they are willing to consider a temporary intervention in advance of the final Bus Connects design.

Owner: Bridget Treacy, Senior Executive Park Superintendent

FOOTPATHS, SHANGANAGH PARK

Question: To ask the Chief Executive has the review of the footpaths on the sea side of the DART line in Shanganagh Park taken place and what were the findings?

Reply: A review of the path network on the seaside section of Shanganagh Park has taken place. The path network consists of400 l/m/ of macadam path along the northern boundary of the park and 965 l/m of a stone and dust surfaced perimeter path to the south, east and west.

While the madacam path does not require upgrade there are locations along the stone path which require various levels of upgrade works. There are a number of locations where ponding occurs during rain events, particularly where the path crosses through hedgerows and ditches due to the level of the path and adjoining lack of drainage onto adjoining open space.

There are also stretches of path where the surface has been worn and requires regrading and resurfacing. While this year's works programme does not provide for a macadam surface on this path, arrangements will be made to carry out the required stone path upgrade works, and quarry fines finished surface to the existing path.

Owner: Bridget Treacy, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

ROLL OUT OF NEW SPEED LIMIT AND SPEED INDICATOR SIGNS

Question: To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the roll out of the new Speed Limit Bye Laws and updating of Speed Indicator Signs?

Reply: The installation of approximately 1500 new speed limit signs countywide is complete and the removal of over 100 redundant speed limit signs is currently underway. Electronic speed reader signs impacted by changes in speed limits are currently being updated accordingly.

Owner: Grainne McDermott, Senior Executive Engineer, Traffic & Road Safety Section

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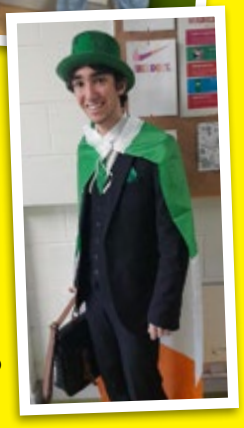

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We are so proud of our students from our Gaelbhratach team for all of their hard work. The students organized lots of events for Seachtain Na Gaeilge: a quiz, verbs bingo, who is the musician and a shamrock competition. An excellent opportunity to promote our native language at Woodbrook College. Well done everyone and keep up the great work.

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Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Jim Gildea

ROADS CONTROL REINSTATEMENT PROGRAMME 2025
Restoration works will be carried out on Cherrington Drive and at the junctions in Corbawn Drive.

BRIDGES AND STRUCTURES PROGRAMME 2025
An inspection and inventory of 120+ bridges around the County was completed in 2024 which identified a number of issues with certain structures around the County. These locations will be prioritise for completion in 2025. For example, further investigation and repair works will be carried out on the old Harcourt St. railway bridge in Shankill in 2025. I was assured that the bridge is completely safe and that the works will be done to the underside of the deck to ensure its long-term preservation.

ACCESSIBILITY WORKS PROGRAMME 2025
Accessibility Works will be carried out during the year at Corbawn Beach and at Woodbrook Glen.

SHANGANAGH PARK ACCESS

Question: To ask the Chief Executive if arrangements have been put in place to allow access to/from the lands on the eastern side of the railway tracks in Shanganagh Park over the new bridge as soon as construction works finish on Woodbrook DART station.

Reply: Arrangements have been put in place to allow access to/from the lands in question. It should be noted that this route is an uneven/grassed track.

ALL-WEATHER PITCH AT WOODBROOK

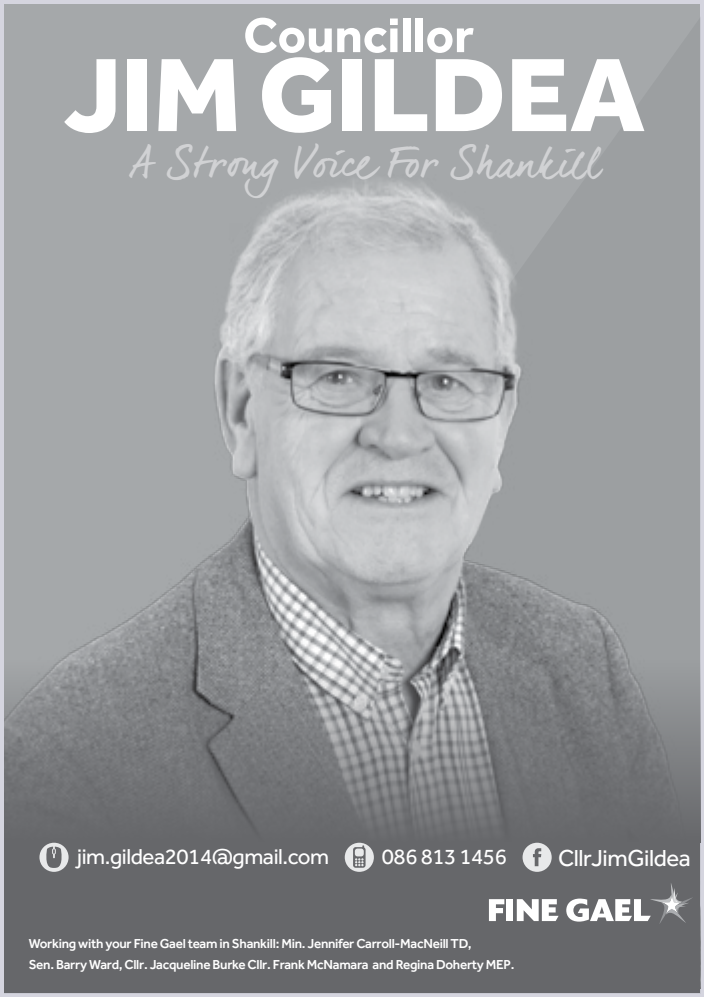
Question: To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the provision of an all-weather pitch at Woodbrook College? Has agreement been finalised with the school's Board of Management and the Dept. of Education; has a final layout and facilities that will be provided been agreed by all parties involved; will the new road and bridge proposed as part of the Old Connaught LAP impact or delay in any way the provision of the facility or the cost of delivering it?

Reply: A number of meetings have been held recently with the principal of Woodbrook College to discuss the all-weather pitch project. In addition, a number of surveys were commissioned and carried out including an engineering report, ecological overview (including wintering bird surveys) and an archaeological feasibility study. The site has a number of constraints/complexities relating to archaeology, land ownership, ecology, lack of a foul sewer, flood zone, overhead lines, etc. The school are also attempting to proceed to planning for a new school and this is at an advanced stage with the Department of Education. We are working with the school to try progress the project as quick as we can. An update will be provided to this Area Committee when a firm timeline is clear. It is not envisaged that the Old Connaught LAP will impact delivery of this project any way.

SHANGANAGH PARK, CREMATORIUM SITE

Question: To ask the Chief Executive, now that the construction of a crematorium at Shanganagh Park is unlikely to be progressed in the medium term, what plans there are for the use of the sizeable footprint which has been reserved for the facility? It is noted that the site is currently overgrown, rodent infested and is an unsightly blight on the beautiful park.

Reply: The land forms part of Shanganagh Cemetery. A comprehensive and detailed design proposal is required for this area. The design will consider the purpose of the land for funeral/memorial purposes while also providing cohesive linkage between the park and the cemetery. In the interim period, we will carry out some works to improve the area in question.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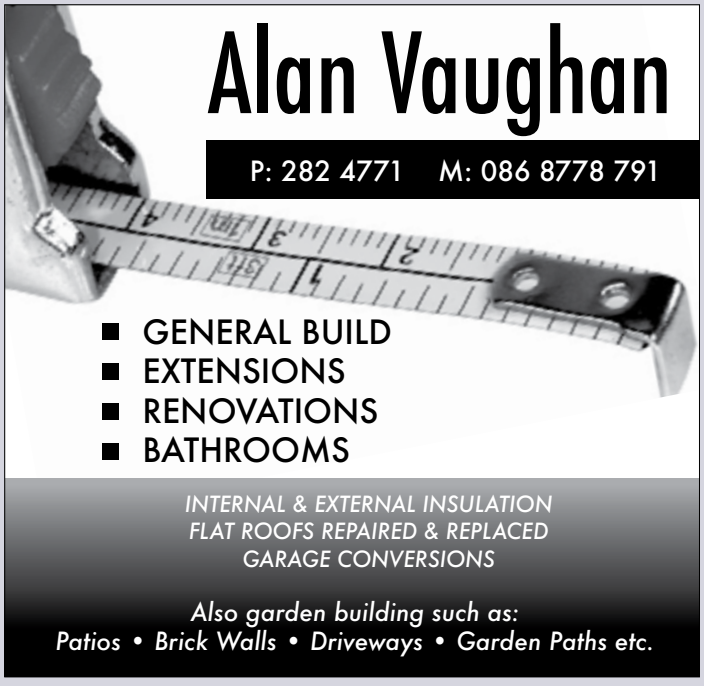
VENT PIPE AT CORBAWN DRIVE SHANKILL

Motion: That this Committee requests the Chief Executive to contact Uisce Éireann with a view to establishing when the new vent pipe and filter at Corbawn Drive, Shankill, which was granted planning permission two years ago, will be installed and when the current pipe will be decommissioned.

Report: Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council will write to Uisce Eireann looking for detailed information on the design and operation of both the interim and long-term wastewater infrastructure in Shanganagh and the anticipated timing of the works. A specific question on the vent pipes in the area will be included.



SOLAR MEITHEAL
SAGE has, for logistical and technical reasons changed its plans somewhat. We are now planning a public meeting in St. Anne's Resource Centre on Saturday 21st June at 2.00pm. The SEAI [Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland] will give a talk explaining what solar power is, what is involved in installing it, what benefits and costs can be expected, how best to use it and so on. Solar Panel installers who will be able to arrange for a quote for the specific optimised installation satisfying your personal requirements. You are cordially invited to attend, even if you are not planning to install panels in the immediate future.

Biodiversity
In our last note on biodiversity we explained that biodiversity included plants, animals, fungi and the ecosystems or communities, in which they live.
Species do not occur at random. They live and grow in places that suit them best: some may have very specific requirements; others are not too fussy. Where they grow is largely determined by the climate, soil and other factors, of which land-use is of major importance.

Let's start with the climate. Although we may complain, we actually live in a Goldilocks climate – not too hot, not too cold – and this means that the majority of native Irish plants can grow almost anywhere in the country. There are a few cold-sensitive species, confined to the south west, and there are a few plants that only grow on the highest mountains, but these are the exceptions. Of greater importance is the rainfall. High rainfall and humidity provide ideal conditions for ferns, mosses, liverworts and lichens. These are particularly abundant in woodlands in the west, where they often cloak tree trunks, rocks and fallen timber and festoon branches and twigs. They can also be found in deep, dank valleys elsewhere in the country, as in parts of Glendalough.

Also of great importance is the soil. Soils vary enormously: they may be deep, moist and fertile; shallow, poor and acidic; or dry to wet or waterlogged. In the Shankill area, most of the soil is deep, well-drained clay that supports a rich variety of plant species. Here we find species such as ash and hawthorn in hedgerows, cow-parsley and numerous species of grass along road-side verges. As we ascend Carrickgollogan, the soils become poorer. Gorse, birch and bracken become common and on the highest ground we find heather. In the Dublin and Wicklow Mountains, the soils are often very wet or waterlogged. In these situations, peat bogs have developed; these have their own unique assemblages of plants, including bog mosses (Sphagnums), bog cotton and even a few insectivorous species, such as sundews, which augment their meagre nutrition by trapping and digesting insects. Linking the high ground with the lowlands and coast are small streams which provide habitat for aquatic organisms.

The soil itself under our feet is the most overlooked of all ecosystems. It may appear lifeless, apart from a few worms and other creepy-crawlies, but soils contain huge numbers of organisms. It has been estimated that a single gram of soil may contain 10 billion micro-organisms, including invertebrates (insects, spiders, wood-lice and so on), bacteria, and fungi.

So far, we have talked mostly about plants. What about the animals? The plants provide food for herbivores, which in turn are food for carnivores. Many species of birds and mammals and some invertebrates are 'generalists', i.e. they occur widely, e.g. many garden birds, foxes and a wide variety of bees. Others are specialists and require either specific food plants or very particular conditions in which to grow. The caterpillars of peacock butterflies, for example, feed on nettles but the butterfly itself will visit a range of flowers for nectar. Woodpeckers and squirrels, of course, require trees and our coastal waters are home to a wide variety of marine animals.

Human activity has had a profound impact on the distribution and abundance of plants and animals. At one time Ireland was largely covered in forest but millennia of grazing by domestic animals, along with tillage, has converted much of the land into grass, heath and bog. Until about 50 years ago, meadows and pastures were very rich in flowering plants with their associated animal and insect life. But modern methods of agriculture, involving intensive grazing or repeated cutting for silage and hay and the application of fertilisers and herbicides, has resulted in the loss of many of these species.

The loss of wildlife has encouraged the development of 're-wilding' schemes by individuals, institutions and local councils. These include developing flower-rich meadows and planting native trees and shrubs. They provide food and habitat for invertebrates, birds and mammals and are an attempt to reverse the biodiversity losses of recent years. You can find a lot more detail on the biodiversity in the county on the DLRCoCo website.

SOFA Shankill Day Care Centre

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SHANKILL DAY CARE CENTRE: ***A Team Committed to Community, Compassion and Care***

At Shankill Day Care Centre, community, compassion and care are at the heart of everything we do. Our team is passionate about creating a supportive, inclusive and person-centred environment for our clients, both within the centre and through our Meals on Wheels service.

Mandy Khan, Manager of Shankill Day Care Centre, leads with a strong commitment to the wellbeing of both clients and staff. “Creating a safe, enriching and supportive space is my priority,” she says. “I lead with compassion, collaboration and a deep respect for the dignity of every person we serve. Whether managing operations or supporting our team and community, I strive to foster genuine connection and quality in every interaction.”

Jennifer Bermingham, Support Manager for the Day Care Centre and Meals on Wheels, echoes that dedication. “I’m part of an amazing team striving for excellence every day,” she says. “My role involves providing strong leadership, coordinating our incredible volunteers and ensuring the well-being of both our day centre attendees and Meals on Wheels clients. I’m empathetic, responsive and always focused on delivering meals with care, variety and a smile.”

In the kitchen, Debbie Duncan, the Centre’s chef, brings energy and heart to her role. “I’m committed to providing healthy, safe and delicious meals for both our in-centre clients and Meals on Wheels recipients, she shares. “I love being part of such a caring and inclusive team. From navigating storms to planning fun events like the summer fairs and Christmas parties, it’s rewarding to be so involved in the community.”

Bernie Danaher, who has worked at the Centre for 12 years, ensures high standards in every meal served. “We produce hot and cold meals tailored to our clients’ tastes and dietary needs, and we take pride in delivering them on time each day,” she says. “It’s all about quality, consistency and care.”

Health care assistants Janice Byrne, Belinda O’Toole, and Jannette McGrath speak passionately about the meaningful relationships they build with clients. “I enjoy hearing our clients’ stories and learning from their unique personalities,” Janice says. Belinda adds, “Every client brings something special to the Centre, it’s a privilege to be part of their daily routine and provide a bit of comfort and companionship.” Jannette agrees, “Being part of our clients’ day is incredibly rewarding; it’s the heart of why I love what I do.”

Danny Howard, kitchen assistant and dessert chef, brings creativity and joy to the team. “I love catering to all the dietary needs and challenges that come with it,” he says. “We have a great atmosphere here, a team that is supportive, friendly and full of laughter. I especially enjoy chatting with the clients and hearing their amazing stories.”

Maintaining a warm and welcoming space is also a top priority, and Thomas Smyth, who takes care of building maintenance, ensures the Centre runs smoothly. “I might be behind the scenes, but I know how important a safe and well-kept space is for everyone here,” Thomas says. “I take pride in making sure the environment reflects the same care and respect the team gives to the clients.”

Back Row Left to Right: *Danny Howard (Kitchen Assistant), Ross (Volunteer), Belinda O’Toole (Health Care Assistant), Janette McGrath (Health Care Assistant), Debbie Duncan (Chef), Bernie Danaher (Kitchen Assistant)*
Front Row Left to Right: *Thomas Smyth (maintenance officer), Jennifer Bermingham (Support Manager), Mandy Khan (Centre Manager), Janice Byrne (Health Care Assistant).*

Together, the team at Shankill Day Care Centre and Meals on Wheels are more than just colleagues, they’re a caring, united force dedicated to enhancing the lives of older adults through compassion, nourishment, and community spirit.

PLANNING NOTICES

compiled by Cllr. Jim Gildea

We are aware that some of the notices about planning applications and decisions are out of date by the time you receive your SCAN but we believe our readers would like to know what is going on in their area. We would like to remind you to keep a look out for new planning notices and, if you need further information, go to the Planning Office in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Hall, Marine Road and request to see the plans.

D25A/0278/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 07/04/2025
Sean and Claire Cosgrove, 18, Corbawn Avenue, Shankill, D18RW99
Alternations to existing house including amended elevations, proposed dormers, new rooflights, demolition and reconstruction of a side garage, a two-storey extension to the rear, soak pit and all associated siteworks

D25A/0281/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 07/04/2025
D25A/0281/WEB Declare Application Invalid Date: 11/04/2025
Charton Homes Limited, Site 10, Carpendale, Ferndale Road, Shankill, Dublin 18
Permission for: (a) Change of House Type 7 on Site 10 to part two storey/part single storey dwelling and amended siting, (b) amended siting of previously approved domestic garage, (c) all ancillary site works. The subject building was previously granted permission under planning application D15A/0403 (extended under extension of duration D15A/0403/E).

D25A/0282/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 08/04/2025
Simon and Karen Moloney, 48, Shrewsbury Road, Shankill, D18Y6W4
Conversion of existing garage to family room comprising of removal of existing entrance recess to bring new window in line with existing dwelling and relocation of existing front door. Widening of existing vehicular access and all associated site works.

D25A/0285/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 08/04/2025
Christopher Allison & Rebecca McDermott, Auckland House, Mine Hill Lane, Ballycorus, D18H592
Permission for the construction of a two-storey detached house and all ancillary works necessary to facilitate the development.

D25A/0296/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 10/04/2025
Charton Homes Limited, Site 3, Carpendale, Ferndale Road, Shankill, Dublin 18
(a) Change of House Type 2 on Site 3 to two storey dwelling and amended siting, (b) Change of detached domestic garage design and amended siting, (c) all ancillary site works. The subject buildings were previously granted permission under planning application D15A/0403 (extended under extension of duration D15A/0403/E).

D25B/0175/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 06/04/2025
Andrew and Lynda Place, Vattnas, Corbawn Lane, Shankill, D18 V8P3
Permission for alterations to previously granted permission Ref. D20B/0326): (1). South (front) elevation, alterations to window and roof light (2). West (side) Elevation, alterations to window & Proposed new door. (3). North (rear) Elevation, alterations to window, proposal to omit covered terrace area with outdoor barbecue including amendments to doors. (4). East (rear) Elevation, proposed new window (5). including amendments to all elevation, Internal alterations and all associated site works.

D25B/0181/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 09/04/2025
Gordon & Georgina McWilliams, 28, St. Anne's Park, Shankill, D18AE20
The development to end of terrace two storey house consists of the following : (a) Ground floor extension to front (b) ground and first floor extensions to side and rear (c) attic window to rear (d) sunroom extension to side of house (e) demolition of side garden wall and all associated site works.

D25A/0313/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 17/04/2025
Christopher Allison & Rebecca McDermott, Auckland House, Mine Hill Lane, Ballycorus, D18H592
Permission for the construction of a two-storey detached house and all ancillary works necessary to facilitate the development.

D25A/0330/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 23/04/2025
Charton Homes Limited, Site 10, Carpendale, Ferndale Road, Shankill, Dublin 18
The development will consist of: (a) Change of House Type 7 on Site 10 to part two storey/part single storey dwelling and amended siting, (b) amended siting of previously approved domestic garage, (c) all ancillary site works. The subject building was previously granted permission under D15A/0403 (extended under D15A/0403/E).

D25A/0333/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 24/04/2025
Kilternan Cemetery Park Ltd, Tiknick, Ballycorus Road, Dublin 18
Permission sought for an amendment to the southern portion of development permitted under D21A/0502, which relates to an extension to Kilternan Cemetery Park consisting of:
• Provision of a Place of Worship building with a total gross floor area (GFA) of c. 900 sq.m, including worship space, multifunction area, reflection pool, courtyard, family rooms and associated facilities;
• Landscaping, including infilling and regrading works for the Place of Worship building, new planting to supplement existing trees and hedgerows on the site, soft and hard landscaping and boundary treatments;
• Associated amendments to permitted parking, burial plots and related infrastructure to facilitate the siting of the new Place of Worship building;
• All other associated site development works.

D25A/0354/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 29/04/2025
Robert Conan and Sarah Conway, Graigueconna Cottage, Thornhill Road, Ballyman, A98TY43
Permission sought for the provision of: (1) a new first floor and pitched roof; (2) a new single storey extension to the rear of the existing house; (3) a new front porch; (4) a new covered outdoor space to the side of the existing house; (5) Associated alterations to all elevations; (6) a new wastewater treatment system with sand polishing filter.

PLANNING DECISIONS

D25A/0109/WEB Refuse Permission Date: 07/04/2025
Bailey & Snowey Ltd., Greenacre, Ballybride Road, Rathmichael, D18X8C8
Demolition of the existing dwelling (c.310 m²) and construction of an infill residential development comprising of 4 No, 2 storey, detached, 5 bedroom houses, all on and off site development works, open space, boundary treatments and landscaping with vehicular and pedestrian access to Ballybride Road, all on site of circa 0.53Ha. at Greenacre, Ballybride Road, Rathmichael, Dublin 18, D18X8C8.

D25A/0112/WEB Grant Permission Date: 07/04/2025
Charton Homes Limited, Sites 4 & 6, Carpendale, Ferndale Road, Shankill, Dublin 18
The development will consist of: alterations to the previously approved plans & elevations of House Type 1 on Site 4 and House Type 1A on Site 6, and all ancillary site works. The subject buildings where previously granted permission under planning application D15A/0403 (extended under extension of duration D15A/0403/E).

D25A/0281/WEB Declare Application Invalid Date: 11/04/2025
Charton Homes Limited, Site 10, Carpendale, Ferndale Road, Shankill, Dublin 18
The development will consist of: (a) Change of House Type 7 on Site 10 to part two storey/part single storey dwelling and amended siting, (b) amended siting of previously approved domestic garage, (c) all

ancillary site works. The subject building was previously granted permission under planning application D15A/0403 (extended under extension of duration D15A/0403/E).

D25B/0102/WEB Grant Permission Date: 16/04/2025
Ronan Warren, 44 Shanganagh Grove, Shankill, D18P380
Conversion of existing attic space comprising of modification of existing roof structure, raising of existing gable c/w window, new access stairs, 2no. roof windows to the front and flat roof dormer to the rear.

D25B/0106 Grant Permission Date: 16/04/2025
Lisa Kenny & Ross Lawless, Crinken Lodge, Dublin Road, Shankill, D18P7R9
Permission for proposed alterations and additions to existing 3 bed single storey gate lodge consisting of construction of a single storey Kitchen/Utility extension (35.95 Sqm) to West elevation, internal alterations and the provision of 2 number windows to North elevation with associated site development works.

D25B/0126 Grant Permission For Retention Date: 23/04/2025
Robert & Grainne Murphy, 35, Shrewsbury Road, Shankill, D18W102
Application for Permission for Retention of garage conversion, enclosed side passage with extended open sided awning with canopy roof and single storey flat roof kitchen extension to rear with ancillary works.
D25A/0176 Refuse Permission Date: 28/04/2025
Anthony Crimmins, 4 Thornhill Road, Old Conna, Bray, A98W7E8
Proposed 75sqm two storey extension to rear of 41sqm single storey dwelling, demolition of existing front entrance porch and reconstruction of same, new waste water treatment system to EPA standards, revised entrance and all associated works.

D25B/0128/WEB Grant Permission Date: 28/04/2025
James Maguire and Michelle Park, 25, Castle Farm, Shankill, D18C9Y6
Conversion of existing attic space comprising of modification of existing roof structure, raising of existing gable c/w window, new access stairs, 2no. roof windows to the front and flat roof dormer to the rear.

D25B/0172/WEB Declare Application Invalid Date: 28/04/2025
Robert Conan and Sarah Conway, Graigueconna Cottage, Thornhill Road, A98TY43
Alteration and extension of the existing house to include: (1) The provision of a new single storey extension to the rear of the existing house, (2) The provision of a new first floor level and pitched roof, (3) The provision of a new front porch, (4) The provision of a new covered outdoor space to the side of the existing house, (5) Associated alterations to elevations.

NO APPEALS NOTIFIED BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA

APPEALS DECISION BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA FOR WEEK 15 2025
D23A/0371 Refuse Permission Date: 03/04/2025
Council Decision: Grant permission
Whitfern Rock Limited, Coltsfoot, Dublin Road, Shankill, D18F8W6
1) Demolition of existing dwelling house. 2) Removal of existing front boundary wall and for the construction of A) New stone boundary wall with 2no. pedestrian access points and new vehicular site entrance onto the Dublin Road. B) Construction of 41 Apartments in 2 separate apartment blocks ranging in height from 1 to 4 floors. Block A - 25 apartments consisting of 1 no. studio apartment, 10 no. 1 bed apartments, 13 no. 2 bed apartments and 1 no. 3 bed apartment. Block A will also include an MV Substation, Communal room and Facilities management office. Block B - 16 apartments consisting of 5 no. 1 bed apartments, 11 no. 2 bed apartments. Basement measuring 983m2 consisting of 32 car parking spaces, 41 bicycle stands (82 bicycles) with a separate bicycle access ramp, moped/motorbike parking spaces, bin storage, mechanical, electrical and utilities rooms, waste collection enclosure at ground level and for all associated site works relevant to the development.

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